introduced a weekly helicopter service to Kargil in the winter months instead of the earlier arrangements of a fortnightly service. Necessary subsidy would be borne by the Government.

(b) For the promotion of Industries in the State, the following Package of Incentive/steps has been taken:—

30% Capital Investment subsidy on machinery, land and building, subject to a maximum of Rs. 30.00 lakhs.

100% subsidy on the cost of Generating sets ranging in capacity from 100 KVA to 1 KVA

5% rebate of interest of working capital

Income tax holiday for 5 years

Price preference @ 12.2% for products manufactured by the SSI unit-holders.

Exemption from payment of toll tax to SSI units on purchase of raw material from outside the State and on sale of finished goods outside the State.

100% subsidy on purchase of Quality Control Testing equipment.

Provision of power to Industrial units @ 0.48 per unit which is lowest in the country.

Growth Centre at Samba on the National Highway near Jammu is being developed at a cost of Rs. 30.00 crores. It shall provide all required facilities like roads, water supply, electricity, telecommuni- cation, Conference Hall and other facilities over an area of 838 acres.

Another Growth Centre is proposed to be developed in the Kashmir Valley at Ompura/Lassipora.

An Industrial Estate, under the Central Govt. scheme of Integrated Infrastructure Development, is being set up at a cost of Rs. 5.00 crores at Battal Balian, Udhampur District over an area of 120 acres. About 500 developed plots will be available for entrepreneurs.

Another Industrial Estate over an area of 238 acres is being developed near Jammu In Kartholi. It will be a composite Estate for small as well as medium/large Industrial units.

An Entrepreneurial Development Institute is proposed to be set up at Srinagar for providing training to entrepreneurs, at a cost of around Rs. 2.00 crores.

An Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) is also proposed to be set up with the assistance of the Government of India in Jammu.

The National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) has set up an office in Jammu. The Corporation has also established a Raw Material Depot for supply of scarce raw materials like aluminium, oils, copper, paraffin wax, wire rod, plastic granules to SSI units and made arrangements for training of entrepreneurs. It has already organised a training programme for 25 prospective and present SSI unit holders. The Corporation will also provide the following facilities:

(i) finance for purchase of machinery on Hire purchase and lease basis and for raw material/ working capital;
(ii) bill discounting facility to SSI Units; and
(iii) marketing facility for SSI products and single point Registration for Govt. purchase.

Officers/staff brought to the Headquarters from field offices of DGET

4315. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of officers/staff are brought to the Headquarter from field offices of DGET, Ministry of Labour on temporary transfer basis;

(b) if so, the details of persons brought on temporary transfer basis for a period not exceeding 180 days during the last three years;

(c) the details of work assigned to such officers; and

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. However, there is one officer who has been brought to DGET Headquarter for a period of more than 180 days on compassionate grounds.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

((d) No, Sir.

Application of Gratuity Act to Educational Institutions

4316. DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the payment of Gratuity Act has been made applicable to Educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the Educational institutions;

(d) what compelled Government to do this without any national debate on this; and

(e) whether the Standing Committee discuss this and if so, what is their say?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 is applicable to factories, Mines, Oil-fields, plantation, ports, railway company, shops or establishments employing 10 or more persons. Under Section 1(3)(c) the Central Government has been empowered to extend the provisions of the Act, to any establishment employing 10 or more persons. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 1(3)(c) the Central Government had extended the provisions of the Act to Motor Transports Undertakings, clubs, chambers of commerce, local bodies etc. employing 10 or more persons. There were representations regarding denial of gratuity to the staff of educational institutions. Gratuity is one of old age social security benefits needed by the employees on retirement from service. The Government has accordingly considered the matter and as provided under section 1(3)(c), extended the provisions of the Act to all the educational institutions employing 10 or more persons. A notification in this regard has been issued on 3.4.1997 and has been generally appreciated.

स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इन्दौर, चांदनी चौक शाखा, दिल्ली के कर्मचारियों के लंबित मामले

4317. श्री शिव चरण सिंहः क्या श्रम मंत्री 24 फरवरी, 1997 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 229 के दिए गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः—

(क) स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इन्दौर चांदनी चौक शाखा के कितने कर्मचारियों के मामले वर्ष 1986 से आज तक विचाराधीन हैं और इन कर्मचारियों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या इन मामलों को निपटाने में अधिक विलंब हुआ है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम॰ अरुणाचलम): (क) से (ग) स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंदौर की चान्दनी चौक शाखा के इन कर्मचारियों के ब्यौरे जिनके औद्योगिक विवाद 1986 से केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्राप्त होते रहे हैं और ऐसे मामलों की वर्तमान स्थिति नीचे दी गई हैं:—

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1. प्रबंधन और उनके कामगार श्री सी॰ एल॰ वर्मा के मध्य औद्योगिक विवाद	मामले को सहायक श्रमायुक्त (केन्द्रीय) दिल्ली के समक्ष 6.5.87 को सौहार्दपूर्वक सुलझा दिया गया है।
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